IN THE SPECIFICATION;

Please replace the second full paragraph on page 1 with the following rewritten paragraph:

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--In a satellite broadcasting system in which television programs are transmitted to an audience via a broadcasting satellite, a television signal is digitized and a large number of programs are transmitted at the same time. Such a system increases the number of programs from which an audience may select.--

Please replace the third full paragraph on page 1 with the following rewritten paragraph:

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--Moreover, in a system for providing various information from a host computer to computer terminals through the telephone line or an exclusive line, a user at a terminal side selects desired information from among a large amount of information. The information is requested from the host computer side.--

Please replace the paragraph bridging pages 1 and 2 with the following rewritten paragraph:



--When an audience or a user tries to select a television program or the information on a computer, there is a problem that the retrieval operation of the audience or user becomes complicated. That is, since a desired program or information must be retrieved from among a large number of programs or information it is difficult to select a desired program or information easily.--